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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR JORDAN

1. MEDIA MAY 5-6 CARRY REPORTS THAT USG HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO JORDAN INCLUDING HAWK MISSILES. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS BEING USED BY DEPARTMENT ON A BACKGROUND BASIS (U.S. OFFICIALS) IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES. POSTS MAY ALSO DRAW ON IT ON BACKGROUND BASIS TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES IT MAY RECEIVE.

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QUOTE:

QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT THE U.S. IS GOING TO SUPPLY AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM TO JORDAN?

ANSWER: WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING FOR OVER A YEAR WHAT HELP WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE JORDAN IN DEVELOPING AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WE TOLD KING HUSSEIN THAT IN PRINCIPLE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SELL HIM CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR AIR DEFENSE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. WE SUBSEQUENTLY SENT A SURVEY TEAM TO JORDAN TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIFIC TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT. THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH HIM DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON AND FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON DETAILS. I CANNOT GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN OTHER THAN TO

SAY THAT WHATEVER EQUIPMENT IS INVOLVED WILL RELATE TO AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM AND NOT SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE AREA.

QUESTION: IS THIS NOT A NEW COMMITMENT AT A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE HELD UP NEW COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL DURING YOUR REASSESSMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST POLICY?

ANSWER: I ANSWERED THAT IN MY ORIGINAL STATEMENT: A DECISION WAS MADE IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE THE REASSESSMENT BEGAN, AND WE HAVE NOW DECIDED TO GO FORWARD WITH IT FOR THE REASONS I MENTIONED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL CONTINUES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE PIPELINE IS BEING DELIVERED. AS THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID EARLIER, THE QUESTION OF CERTAIN NEW COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL IS BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE REASSESSMENT OF OUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY, AND FINAL DECISIONS AWAIT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT REASSESSMENT.

QUESTION: YOU HAVE DISCUSSED THE LANCE MISSILE WITH ISRAEL AND THEN HELD UP COMPLETING OF THE ARRANGEMENTS PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE REASSESSMENT. HOW CAN YOU DO THAT AND NOW GO FORWARD WITH THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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JORDAN?

ANSWER: I SEE NO EQUATION HERE. INITIAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON THE LONGSTANDING JORDANIAN REQUEST FOR AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. IN DUE COURSE, DECISIONS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN REGARDING ISRAELI REQUESTS. KISSINGER

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